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Winfield Storm Water Board
Meeting date: Tuesday, August 11th, 2020

Call to order: A meeting of the Winfield Storm Water Board was held in the Winfield Government Center, Winfield, Indiana on August 11th, 2020. The meeting convened at 6:30 p.m., the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members in attendance: Timothy Clayton, and Jim Simmons

Members not in attendance: Jon Derwinski

Also in attendance: Rick Anderson, Clerk-Treasurer; Attorney David Austgen from Austgen Kuiper Jasaitis P.C.; Engineer, Michael Duffy; Town Administrator/Planning and Zoning Administrator Nick Bellar; Recording Secretary, Kim Wachowski.

MINUTES: Jim Simmons made the motion to accept the Storm Water Board Meeting Minutes of July 14th, 2020. Tim Clayton seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor 2-0.

CITIZENS REQUESTING PLACEMENT ON THE AGENDA: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Hidden Creek Ditch.

Mike Duffy reported they have completed the surveying they needed to do to determine where the blockage is on the east side of the road. They are currently putting together the grant application package for the Little Calumet River Basin Advisory Committee. Tim Clayton said they are still working with Merrillville on this project and they have had several meetings with them. Tim asked when the next Little Calumet meeting will be. Mike stated he was unsure but they will have the application completed within the month. Nick Bellar stated the Advisory Committee usually does not meet until they have a number of items to review. Mike stated the regular Board meetings are usually every month. Nick explained the advisory committee reviews the grant applications before the Commission. A resident asked if he should go to that meeting. Jim explained he would not be able to attend the Advisory Committee meeting but the board meetings are open to the public. Mike informed him it would be best to wait until they can let him know when Hidden Creek will be up for discussion with the Board if the Advisory Committee sends it to them.

2. Update on 117th Avenue Culvert Replacement Project.

Mike Duffy stated the project is done. Tony Clark stated the restoration seed blanket is in place and growing. Tim asked about leveling down a section on the side of the road. Tony said it was regraded and there was no water flowing over the road yesterday during the rain storm.

3. Update on Tree Lot 53 Stormwater Project.

Mike reported the grass is coming up nice from the restoration. The timing of the project helped with the restoration and the recent rain. Mike also reviewed the video after the blockage was cleared and saw the water is now running through to the creek. Tim asked if there was anything else left on this. Mike said he has not yet received their final billing on the project from the contractor.

4. Tammy Coros, 10828 Park St., Excessive standing water/flooding in back yard.



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Mike said they surveyed the last route and found that there are a lot of utilities in the way. They are reviewing an alternative route now to take the water to the east and then north to the catch basin at 108th and Park St. Mike discovered there is an existing easement on the north of Ms. Coros's property that runs to Park St. He said at one time it was probably supposed to be a swale but it would not be possible to create a swale now, the water would have to be moved by a pipe. They are also looking into tying it in to the south and getting another easement to redirect to the west to a pond in the area. He will have a possible resolution by next week and be able to determine the cost of the necessary work.

5. *Gregory Marchuk, 4619 E. 104th Ave. Water flowing in back yard.*

Mike stated he investigated the area with Tony Clark. He spoke with the next-door neighbor who said this drainage has been happening for years. Mike said the Town did some of the work on this to install this pipe that comes from the farm field to the west in Trees. It discharges to flow into the swale that takes it to 101st in Hidden Creek. He believes it's gotten a lot of run off from the farm field with all the rain they experienced which accounted for the running water coming out of the pipe. It was dry at the time they visited the area. Tim Clayton asked if it was working as intended. Mike said it appears so but he does not know if it is in an easement of any kind. Tim will have a letter issued to Mr. Marchuk.

6. *Discussion of Storm Water Master Plan.*

Mike prepared a proposal of the changes for the plan for the Board to review and comment on. They can let him know if they have any comments or want to change anything. Tim stated they are still reviewing the proposal.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. *Jim Jansen, 5076 E. 105th Ln., Storm drain issues flooding street.*

Tony Clark stated Metz was out to video the area and they found some blockages. Currently Metz's vactor truck needs to be repaired but once that's done, they can continue videoing the area. There's a line that runs to the northwest but they are unsure where it goes. Mike said when they tried to walk the area, they could not find it and it did not match the plans on file. They will need to wait for the videoing to be completed. Jim Simmons noted it takes much longer for the water to drain on that street than it did before. Tony believes the truck should be running again next week and they can resume videoing then.

2. *Becky Bergner, 6675 Hawthorne Dr., Issue with former developer to fix flooding in her back yard.*

Mike stated this is in Deer Creek next to lot 93 that just had a home completed on it. They are working with the developer in the area to make sure they keep the swale graded along their property line to take some of this water. On the other side of the lot the developer was supposed to do something to alleviate the water run-off from Phase 3 that goes to this lot in Phase 1. Lot 93 still has some grading that needs to be corrected on that lot. He said the next step would be for Mike to contact the developer, if the Board would like, for the other side of the property and they start working with the homeowner. Mike explained it is an odd area and suspects part of the



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problem is the utilities in the area were put in too soon. Jim Simmons said they did put them up too high and the land was graded up to the utilities and was supposed to be fixed by the original developer of the subdivision when they started the next phase. That developer is no longer involved with the project. Mike explained they need to intercept the water from Phase 3 and get it to the inlets of lots 93 and 35. They will probably not be able to completely prevent water from running over their property. The completion of lot 93 should significantly help with some of the flow. Tim asked Mike to reach out to the developer to hold up their commitment.

3. *Diana Campbell, 10717 Heather Dr., Sinkhole previously addressed by the Street Department.*

Tony Clark stated they repaired this last year. The Street Department will have to go out again and start to dig to see where it is coming from. They were going to start it this week but are now busy with catch basin cleanout work, they will begin next week. Mike suggested they check the nearest catch basin for dirt.

4. *Change Order #2, 117th Ave. Culvert Improvement, Inc. \$8,566.22.*

Jim Simmons said he had some questions with the change order documents they were sent earlier in the week to review. He noticed on one of the time sheets a worker with the same classification was paid a different rate on two separate days. They did not get time and material rates as part of the contract. Their daily tickets were not signed when they were supposed to be and he also did not understand why they worked over time, or who authorized it, when the street was still closed for work; they didn't come back for two days to finish the work. He did not see the time sheets for the other change order, which is a higher amount, to see if they are similar. Jim stated he does not feel comfortable approving the payments on this project until they can review the time sheets from the whole project. However, he does not want to hold their payment another 30 days if everything is right so he would also like to authorize Tim to approve the payments once everything has been reviewed. Jim Simmons made the motion to authorize Tim Clayton, once the invoices have been reviewed and corrected, to pay the final pay application. Tim Clayton seconded the motion. Mike asked which change order he saw a discrepancy on. Jim said it was on the only one he saw from Change Order #2 for \$8,566.22. Mike will review the rates. After no further discussion the motion carried with all in favor 2-0.

Jim Simmons also questions the overall ending cost of the project. When the bids were first opened Gough had the lowest rate around \$68,000 when most of the other bids came in around \$100,000. He wanted to know why the difference in change orders brought up the cost so high. Mike explained the first change order was not in relation to the original project. The other two change orders were due to problems that came up during the project. The grading limits got too close to a small retention pond and the contractor keep going instead of stopping so they had to regrade some of that area. The homeowner wanted a relatively flat front yard with no deep swale, they also ran into bad soil and needed to reinforce the area with clay. The first change order was to address the drainage near the S curve by installing another pipe to move the water from the north side of the road while the road was closed down. He believes it was good to do at the time and they did get two quotes on the additional project to check Gough's price. Mike will review everything again.



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5. Change Order #3, 117th Ave. Culvert Improvement, Inc. \$18,748.45.
 This item was deferred.

6. Pay Application #1, 117th Ave. Culvert Improvement, Inc. \$105,524.95.
 This item was deferred.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Rick Anderson presented the Treasurer Report through July 31, 2020, and noted the unusual claims. The total amount of claims is \$16,823.63 Jim Simmons made the motion to approve the Storm Water Board claims in the amount of \$16,823.63, Tim Clayton seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion carried with all in favor 2-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next Storm Water Board Meeting Tuesday, September 8th, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Tim Clayton entertained a motion to adjourn. Jim Simmons made a motion to adjourn; the motion was seconded by Tim Clayton. A voice call vote found all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.

 Tim Clayton
 Stormwater Board President

 Richard C. Anderson, Jr.
 Clerk-Treasurer

 Kim Wachowski
 Recording Secretary

 Date of Approval